## **EXHIBIT 127**

**Excerpts from Deposition Transcript of Stephen M. Farmer** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:14-CV-00954-LCB-JLW

STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, et al.,

Defendants.

AMENDED DEPOSITION OF STEPHEN FARMER

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- 1 Q. Do you -- do you understand what I mean
- if I refer to a holistic admissions process?
- 3 A. I do.
- Q. And what -- what's meant by holistic admissions to you?
- A. That we consider students as individuals
  and that we consider students on the whole of
  their circumstances. And we consider them in a
  nonformulaic way, in a way that's respectful of
  them as persons.
  - Q. Did the University of Virginia at the time you were working there, did it have a holistic admissions process?
- A. I think so, yes.
  - Q. Okay. Did -- are there any meaningful differences in -- in the holistic nature of their process versus how UNC does it today?
    - A. What do you mean by meaningful?
  - Q. I guess is there -- is there any distinction in terms of -- of how applications would be considered with respect to the types of criteria that would be looked at when you were in the University of Virginia versus UNC today to the best of your recollection?
    - A. I -- I'm sorry. I can't recall. It's